



Balmoral Newsletter

JANUARY 2009

Up coming events

Bill Noble will be back again at Balmoral in late January. Dates are yet to be confirmed, but this clinic will again be open to the public!! To ensure you get a spot please book in early!!

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BALMORAL OPEN DAY 2009

The Balmoral Open Day again run as a success! Two years in a row now we have managed to book perfect weather—blue skies and 24degrees, we couldn't have asked for anything better!

We had over 400people visiting Balmoral during the day, all of which seemed to enjoy what we had on offer!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank those who made this day run as smoothly as it did. A big thank you to those who took charge of the car parking—Dean, Billy, Peter W, Gracey, James and David. Everyone was parked safely and effectively to ensure we could squeeze as many people as possible into Balmoral.

Thank you to Wendy, Celeste and Peter W for running the sausage sizzle which helped raise funds for Balmoral! One of the few helpers that actually packed up their station at the end of the day!!

To Rach and Shaneen who recruited helpers for the day and ran the children's activities, you both did a tremendous job!

Jane, Pam, Janie, Sara W, Sarah N, Jessie and many more who supervised the children's activities, thank you for turning up and helping out as many people did not show.... Apologies for those who I have forgotten who helped with the children's activities.

Thank you to Sam and Heather for having the stallions looking fabulous!

A big thank you to Danni who was our MC for the day. Again a fabulous job with loads of positive feedback received from visitors!

And a big big BIG thank you to those who turned up the day before to help set up for the open day—Dnelle, the Williams Family, Shaneen, Anita and Luke!!

Thank you to all our hard working volunteers, the 2009 Open Day was a success thanks to your help and support!!



DRESSAGE FESTIVAL

Below is the report done on both Julia and Anne on the Horse Deals Website!

"It was unfortunate time tabling that the popular Inter 1 Freestyle started at 8.30 am this morning. However, for the few that were there to watch it, they were not disap-

pointed. Julia Battams and the charismatic stallion, Camelot's Clint Eastwood produced an entertaining freestyle to Christmas music for second place with a score of 65%."

"Well known and successful

Australian rider, Anne Skinner rode her Aubaine Cossack to second place in the FEI Para Grade 3 Individual with 67.1%."



Left: Julia and Clint
Right: Anne and Cossack



Balmoral Dressage Squad



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The Balmoral Dressage Squad runs every Friday night during the school term.

It is a great opportunity to see some of Balmoral's talented combinations train with Julia.

Members are expected to be in Balmoral uniform, including saddle blanket and white bandages.

Members of the Dressage Squad are expected to be out and about competing and or helping regularly in Dressage events.

Congratulations to the riders to rode in the Dressage Squad Quadrille at the Balmoral Open Day!

For the past six weeks these riders have trained every Friday night (plus an extra few practice sessions squeezed in before the big day). Their hard work paid off with a flawless routine which has become one of the highlights of the Open Day.



Left: Katrina & Syd, Sara & Inca
 Above: Catherine & Capri, Janie & Tosh
 Photos by Purr Photography

The Quadrille consisted of:

- Michelle and Ghost
- Sara and Inca
- Sarah N and Bea
- Deb and Rebel
- Katrina and Syd
- Jane and Tango
- Catherine and Capri
- Janie and Tosh
- Coach: Julia

Assistant coach and Team Manager: Wendy Williams

Purr Photos



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FAREWELL TO RACHEL

Rachel has been a valuable member of the Balmoral team since 2004!! Rachel has done just about everything at Balmoral—Office work, School horse manager and also a valued instructor.

Rachel is leaving Balmoral to continue her education. She has been accepted into a Diploma course of Animal Technology. Rachel's last day is January 22nd, We wish her the best of luck!!



Purr Photography Up coming Dressage Competitions

Thank you to Tanya of Purr Photography for photographing the Balmoral Open Day!

The photos can be viewed at www.purrphotos.net

If you would like to contact Tanya regarding photography and personal photo shoots she can be reached on 0408-602-209

MACEDON RANGERS DRESSAGE CLUB

Venue: Werribee Park
 Date: 7th Feb
 Entries close: 12th January
 Tests: Prelim to GP. Tests B and D. Plus YH classes.
 Entries: \$38per test.

SOUTH EASTERN DRESSAGE CLUB

Venue: Ayr Hill, Clyde Nth
 Date: 14th Feb
 Entries close: 30th January
 Tests: Official—1C, 2C, 3C,4B, 5B.
 Associate—1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A
 Entries: \$31 per test.

From our sponsors...

Potties

A stimulating liniment for use on horses. Used for muscle stiffness, strains and sprains. Can be massaged onto the affected area daily. Contains castor oil, turpentine oil, strong ammonia solution.

Peter Horobin

Peter Horobin regularly visits Balmoral for saddle fittings. Please add your name to the board in the stable block if you require your saddle to be re-fitted.

Equus Rugs

Equus Rugs have the Capriole Flag combos on sale for \$65.00. These are light weight fly rugs which not only keep your horse cool but also the insects and UV rays at bay!! A must have this summer!!

